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"Your Ruins in their Woods: Historical Archaeology of NYC Lands within the Towns of Kent and Olive, NY."

A presentation by: April M. Beisaw, PhD, RPA, Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Vassar College.

Between 1866 and 1917, the towns of Kent and Olive were dramatically changed by the construction of two dams for harvesting New York City's water. Watershed creation soon transitioned into watershed maintenance and more changes were needed to ensure the quality of the water supply. New York City now owns thousands of acres of land in each town. Dr. Beisaw, and her Vassar students, hike these properties in order to document both what was once there and what the land is used for today. By understanding what changes water harvesting brings to communities, we hope to inform future projects intended to solve urban water problems, such as the ongoing crises in Detroit, Michigan, and throughout southern California. Places rich in water are inhabited places. What are rural communities willing to sacrifice to ensure survival of their urban neighbors? Free & open to the public, Town of Kent Town Hall, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, NY . FMI: kenthistoricalsociety@gmail.com, 845 225 8366 or see us on facebook!